

NEW CHIEFS

CECIL BARD

Powderly Police Department

Cecil Bard was appointed chief of the Powderly Police Department on Jan. 1, 2011. Bard began his law enforcement career with the Greenville Police Department and has 16 years of law enforcement experience. He graduated from the Department of Criminal Justice Basic Training Class No. 241. Bard plans to add more staff, seek grant money to enhance the department and to implement a town hall meeting to address the concerns of the community. Bard looks forward to building on the great working relationship he has with the Kentucky State Police and the surrounding departments.

JEFFREY COX

Audubon Park Police Department

Jeffrey Cox was appointed chief of the Audubon Park Police Department on Dec. 11, 2011. Cox began his law enforcement career in 1996 with the Department of Corrections. During his law enforcement career, Cox also served the West Point and Brandenburg police departments. He graduated from the Department of Criminal Justice Basic Training Class No. 270. Cox plans to implement the DOCJT Career Development Program, and continue seeking reaccreditation through KACP and the strong work already done by the former chief to see the agency grow.

CLAUDE CREECH

Cumberland Police Department

Claude Creech was appointed chief of the Cumberland Police Department on Jan. 9. Creech has 36 years of law enforcement experience. He began his law enforcement career as chief of Cumberland Police Department, serving 1976 to 1979. He served as a Kentucky park ranger for a year. Creech also has served as captain of the Harlan County Sheriff's Office. His goals are to implement department policies and procedures, increase manpower and move the department forward and provide the best services possible.

TIM HAZLETTE

Campbellsville Police Department

Tim Hazlette was appointed chief of the Campbellsville Police Department on Dec. 1, 2011. Hazlette began his law enforcement career with the Johnson County Sheriff's Office as a dispatcher. He has 26 years of law enforcement experience, spending most of his career with the Kentucky State Police, where he retired in 2003. Hazlette has a bachelor's degree from the University of Kentucky and a master's degree from Kentucky State University. He also serves as an assessor for the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. His plans are to build on the strengths of the agency and leave it better than when he came.

RODNEY KIDD

Lancaster Police Department

Rodney Kidd was appointed chief of the Lancaster Police Department on Jan. 30. Kidd has 28 years of law enforcement experience. He began his law enforcement career with the Shelbyville Police

Department. He served the Louisville Metro Police Department and retired as the commanding officer in the Special Operations Division in 2007. Kidd also served the Simpsonville Police Department. He is a Kentucky Law Enforcement Council certified instructor. Kidd would like to see his department improve by having an open and transparent relationship with the community and rebuilding their trust. He would also like to pursue accreditation through KACP.

LES LANGDON

Oak Grove Police Department

Les Langdon was appointed chief of the Oak Grove Police Department on May 3, 2011. Langdon began his law enforcement career as a dispatcher with the Madisonville Police Department in 1982. Before coming to Oak Grove he served as chief of the Lyon County Police Department before the department was dissolved. He came to Oak Grove as an officer, moving through the ranks to become chief. He is a graduate of the Southern Police Institute AOC Class No. 89. Since taking office, Langdon has restructured the department and implemented new policies and procedures. He has a strategic five-year plan that includes creating a chaplaincy program, citizen's police academy, emergency response team and honor guard unit. He also plans to pursue accreditation through KACP. His No. 1 focus is encouraging his staff to pursue higher education and training. Seven of his officers are enrolled in criminal justice programs.

CHARLES MILLS

Livingston Police Department

Charles Mills was appointed chief of the Livingston Police Department on Jan. 9. He has 11 years of law enforcement experience. He began his law enforcement career with the Kentucky State Police. Mills left KSP and enrolled in Thomas Cooley Law School in Lansing, Mich., where he received his Juris Doctor in 2000. Mills graduated from Eastern Kentucky University with a bachelor's degree in police administration. He has served as an investigator for the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure. Mills also served the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as a special agent/federal air marshal before coming to Livingston. Mills is a manager of a law firm in Lexington while also serving as the chief of Livingston. His primary goal is to pursue accreditation through KACP and modernize the department by moving toward more professionalism.

CODY STANLEY

Park Hills Police Department

Cody Stanley was appointed chief of the Park Hills Police Department on Oct. 10, 2011. Stanley served with the Covington Police Department until he retired in the spring of 2009. Stanley then joined the Park Hills Police Department as an officer in the spring of 2011 and was appointed acting chief on Aug. 8. He graduated from Thomas Moore College with a bachelor's degree in generalized studies. Stanley's main goal is to professionalize the image of the department. He looks forward to adding more highly-trained staff. He would also like to focus on continuing education through DOCJT and other training departments. Stanley will work toward Park Hills becoming a department that other agencies can call upon.